



THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
408 Division Street, Northfield, MN 55057

2013 Spring Issue

The Rice County Genealogical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday on even months at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, and on odd months in the Marston Headley Research Room in the lower level of the Northfield Historical Society Building, 408 Division Street, Northfield. Meetings are suspended during June, July and August. Special meetings may be called for research trips or for working on projects.

MEETING DATES:

Jan. 15, 2013

Feb. 19, 2013

Mar. 19, 2013

Apr. 16, 2013

May 21, 2013

Sept. 17, 2013

Oct. 15, 2013

Nov. 19, 2013

Dec. 17, 2013

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.

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2013 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.

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2013 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.

Election of officers for 2014. Dues for 2014 due.

Faribault: 11:30 Annual Christmas get-together at The

Depot. 2:00 short meeting at the Rice Co. Historical
Society Museum. Final date for 2014 dues to be paid.

OFFICERS:

President.....Audrey DeMann

Vice President.....Ariene Williams

Secretary-Treasurer.....Dorothy Herkenratt

Newsletter Editor/Publisher Dorothy Herkenratt

Dues are for the calendar year and are \$10
for an individual and \$12 for a family.

The newsletter is included with membership

Members currently are actively working on their family lines and in searching out the history of those who came to live in or who passed through Rice County. When we have queries from others not in our family lines who seek help on their research projects, we refer them to Ariel Butler who is willing to do research for a fee.

To secure more information on services she offers and her fee schedule, please contact her directly at:
Ariel Butler, 1508 Pheasantwood Trail, Northfield, MN 55057 Ph.: 507-301-2767 e.mail: ariel.emery.butler@gmail.com

Please call ahead to schedule research in the Marston Headley Research Room.

NOTE: Part 3 of the Orr History will appear in a future addition of *Rice Gleanings*.

WRITE DOWN YOUR FAMILY'S STORIES SO THEY AREN'T LOST

It is important to write down the stories that have been passed down to you before the information is forever lost to the family, and don't neglect to share them with others to enrich their knowledge of the family. The following is an example of a story of which I had no knowledge until recently that involves my Mother's Uncle Will and Aunt Jenny's son, Willie Taylor (as we knew him). Willie was William Leslie Taylor, the son of William David Taylor and Jean Leslie (Donovan) Taylor. William David was the eldest son of William Blackmore Taylor and Mary U. (Borthwick) Taylor. William Blackmore Taylor was a millwright brought to Dundas by the Archibald family to build their mill. He was drowned in the Cannon River during a spring flood on the way to the mill after the bridge had been washed away. William David, then only 14, went to work in the mill to support his mother and six siblings and eventually worked up to being head miller. His son, William Leslie, graduated first from the Dundas Public School, then Northfield High School, attended Carleton College and graduated from the University of Minnesota. He, however, did not follow in his father's footsteps, but became a mining engineer in Hibbing, Minnesota. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and became a member of the following engineering societies: American Institute of Mining Engineers, Engineers Club of No. MN., MN Society of Registered Prof. Engineers and Iron Wedge. He was also a member of Mesaba Lodge No. 255 AF & AM, the Iron Range Lodge of Perfection, all Scottish Rite Bodies of Duluth and Temple Shrine of Duluth, the Range Shrine Club of Hibbing, the Mesaba Country Club, Algonquin Club, Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce, Hibbing, and the Kitchi Gammi Club of Duluth. William Leslie was a partner in the Mesaba Service and Supply Company and died suddenly August 22, 1963 while on a fishing trip in Iron River, Wisconsin. He and his wife, Frances, had only one child, Mrs. William (Jean) Howard who lived in Seattle, Washington, and she had two sons, John and Phillip Howard. This is basically what I knew of Mother's cousin Willie and his family. Just recently I found out that a hundred years ago in the March 8, 1913 issue of the Northfield paper that Cousin Willie had been kidnapped, along with Guy N. Bjore, by "natives in Venezuela while exploring for petroleum around Lake Maracaibo." A cablegram from the Venezuelan government was sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Taylor (note that it was Wm. L. who had been kidnapped, so it should have read Wm. D. Taylor), informing them that their son was safe and that the government is taking measures to prevent such incidents in the future. Taylor graduated from Northfield High School in 1903." Why had I never heard of this? It could be that my Mother had not known about it as she at that time was attending college in St. Cloud. I am going to have to do some research to fill out the story which I know would be of interest especially to my great-great-grandsons.

And then here is a story which has come down in my husband's mother's Drake family which could have been lost had it not been faithfully passed down in written form to us. It is titled "The Case of Judson Baxter" and recounts some of the history of Dr. Charles Drake who was also a poet of some note both in this country and in England. The story, including the spelling and punctuation used, follows:

THE CASE OF JUDSON BAXTER

Two incidents in the professional career of Dr. Charles Drake gained him wide notoriety and his fame was established in the vicinity of his extensive practice.

One was the case of Judson Baxter, a boy in his teens who was helping around a threshing machine. He accidentally fell, his arm above the elbow wedged into the cogs, the bone was crushed into splinters; leaving the arm hanging by a few shreds of flesh. The doctor was sent for immediately.

Dr. Drake, instead of amputating the arm, bound it securely into position in splints after extracting the fragments of bone. He was of the opinion that there was a chance in a young growing boy of forming a new bone and of saving his arm.

The people of the countryside, including all the medics of that neighborhood, saw little hope of saving the boy's arm and feared the possibility of gangrene and mortification. The doctor was considered foolish and visionary; and many told him so. To which he replied, that as this was his care, he would attend to his business strictly and diligently; and would only amputate when it became necessary, not before;—also, that he would be thankful if other people would attend to their own business, instead of meddling and interfering with his.

The result was, that he had saved the boy's arm and life to the wonderment of the entire community.

Another instance was the case of George Barnes.

The boy was riding a horse, leading a vicious stallion by the halter. The stallion reared around, grabbed the boy by the leg below the knee in his teeth; crushing the bone. The boy was dragged by the animal, threshed about and stamped on by the heavy hoofs which left him almost lifeless. It was expected that Dr. Drake would try and save the boy's life and limb; but the almost certain development of gangrene would make it imperative to have the leg amputated. However, contrary to the customs of the medical practice, he succeeded in saving the boy's life and leg also. All this would help to confirm the superstitious belief that the doctor was endowed by nature, with certain powers foreign to materialism. He had the healing qualities of a superman;—and in his handling of the ill and afflicted, his very soul would always enter in. Small wonder, then, that he had endeared himself to the lowly and the suffering. There were many who owed their very lives to his skill and ministrations, and he was the leading physician and surgeon of the country.

Yet as Fate will have it, this big-hearted man was destined to be put to a test of soul-anguish and fire;—in a trial for his life; which came as a result of a trumped up charge of malpractice. And it was only after two years of agony and suspense, that he was finally vindicated and honorably acquitted.

It came about in this manner. The doctor had rendered in addition to medical service, his financial aid to a patient named Thomas Pratt. And in order to secure himself, the latter had given him a mortgage on his farm.

For a time, all went well;—save that the debtor had been straining at the leash and was reluctant in his meeting of the obligation.

The climax came, when Pratt's daughter Betsey had confided a secret in her physician, that she was on the road to motherhood. The doctor advised her against an abortion;—and urged her to bear the shame stoically and live to be a mother to her child. In vain were her pleadings that she could not live to bring disgrace upon her parents and the good name of her family.

Shortly afterwards, when the doctor was called to the Pratt home, he found the unfortunate girl lifeless with an empty vial containing the last dregs of morphine beside her. He turned to the girl's father asking, "What does this mean? Betsy has been poisoned!" To which the latter replied, "Now, Dr. Drake, if you do not surrender the mortgage you hold on my place, I'm going to prosecute you for killing my darter!"

The physician read the riot act to Mr. Pratt; telling him just what kind of an animal he was; and knowing from examination of the body, that there had been no such operation performed as the man had insinuated.

Later, a plot was hatched by Pratt and an old pettifogger named Ed Kelley to try to scare the doctor into cancelling the mortgage, but Dr. Drake was not of the fearing kind. He defied them; and they brought him before Square Bailey.

In the meantime Caleb Nelson whose father's farm had been sold in foreclosure by the doctor, had been approached by the younger Pratt, drawing him into the plot to incriminate the physician. At the hearing before Square Bailey, young Tom Pratt swore that he had seen Dr. Drake perform an abortion on his sister. And when asked for details, he testified that he had seen the doctor drawing a lead pencil out of his pocket; with the probing of which an abortion had been produced.

When asked what was done with the foetus, he replied that he knew nothing about a foetus, "what the devil is a foetus!" After the necessary explanation, he said that it was burned up.

When Caleb Nelson was called upon to testify, the first question asked him was, "Mr. Nelson, I suppose you are aware of the fact that Dr. Drake has sold out your father's farm!" The witness snapped back "That's nothin' to the case; come down to the case an' I'll talk with you (and the phrase became a byword throughout that farming country). The doctor had purposely subpoenaed Caleb, in order to

show how they were trying by underhand means to ruin his reputation.

Square Bailey had bound the doctor over to court; and the physician had had a diagram made of the Pratt home; in order to show that from the window where Tom Pratt swore he had peeped in and saw the operation performed, it would be impossible to see into the room in question. And he also summoned four of the leading physicians of the country, Dr. Mason of Towanda, Dr. Rockwell of Troy, Dr. Baker of Canton and Dr. Bliss of LeRoy. They all testified that such an operation performed by the means described was an impossibility. Then again there were other neighbors who gave testimony to the fact, that Tom Pratt's character for truth and veracity was very bad. His own cousin Philemon Pratt had sworn that he would never believe Tom under oath.

The doctor requested the exhuming of the corpse in order to ascertain as to whether an abortion had been produced, but the judge said it was unnecessary; as the witness was already impeached. It took the jury about five minutes to bring in a verdict of "Not Guilty." Dr. Drake was seized by a crowd of admirers and carried on their shoulders out of the courtroom into the streets of Towanda.

When the trial was to a close, Dr. Drake emerged out of it a much wiser if a bit sadder man. He had mentally grappled with the subterranean caverns of human character. He had reaped the stone cast in compensation for the bread he had cast;—yet withal he could not hate his fellow beings.

For a time he went about the countryside, pursuing his samaritan tasks;—but his health had been on the wane; largely due to the trial and its attendant after effects. His spare moments were devoted to his literary labors. He had been writing his "Theodicy" and putting the finishing touches to other poems which came from his pen. But his health did not permit of too much concentration, and his time was short;— so "Chronosophy" was left unrevised and hastily closed.

This story is just one of many that was written down by Dr. Charles Drake's daughter Lelia J. (Drake) Clarke who had her brother Linn Drake verify that what she had written was correct. She also worked on her father's poem "Chronosophy" to put that Drake history into prose, making the story easier to follow. Dr. Charles Drake was a cousin of the Drakes who settled in Rice County..

A much older story with fading ink on fragile paper yellowed with age concerns my husband Richard Herkenratt's fourth-great-grandfather Joseph Drake, the son of Bampfylde Drake, Rector of Farway, who, according to this record, ran away from home in England at the age of nine, shipping from Plymouth as a stowaway to come to America to join his brothers Francis and William who were in New Amsterdam, while other records state Joseph was trying to reach North Carolina and the brothers were Francis and Bampfylde who settled in Virginia, one brother remaining there with the other moving North with all trace of him being lost. This is what is recorded in this document by Lelia J. (Drake) Clarke:

JOSEPH DRAKE OF JUNE YE 10, 1717

It was in the year 1780, or thereabouts, that a detachment of British soldiers approached the farm house of Joseph Drake in "Nunsuch," N. Y.

As he arose to greet them he laid a large King James edition of the Bible on the table beside him; open, where he had been reading; while a thrifty colored cook transferred food from a pot hanging on a crane, to a place of safety under a bed in another room.

Spying the steaming kettle, a hungry warrior demanded meat; and to the reply that there was no meat, came the accusing retort: "You lie. There's eyes on the broth!"

This Bible, sliced in two by the saber of an angry soldier, contains the records of Joseph Drake's family, written with his own blood, in the year 1759, and is now the proud possession of his great-great-grandson, Arthur Drake, of Northfield, Minnesota.

Initiative stood forth as a trait in this man's character, from the time when at nine years of age he had fled to his brothers, Francis and William, in New Amsterdam, shipping from Plymouth as a stowaway. It was after his father, Bampfylde Drake, Rector of Farway, influenced by a stepmother, had administered a flogging which the boy felt he had not really deserved. Driven by hunger to reveal himself with the captain of the sailing vessel, that he finished the remainder of the journey as Cabin Boy.

His early life in America was no bed of roses. There were days of privation and self denial, of struggle and hardship.

At a time when he could not yet reach the stirrups, but rested his young toes in the loops on the saddles, he rode as jockey in Bryant's stables in New York; and it was he who rode the famous "Wild Doe" to victory, in a race his managers had ordered him to win by fair means or foul; fleeing on "Sleepy John" for his life.

The race won, Bryant called: "Don't take her up quick," and on he trotted till lifted to the back of the long-winded horse and told to ride for his life to a tavern nine miles distant. There, hid in an upper story, he awaited the just vengeance of his competitors, till, at midnight, Bryant's voice in the story below allayed his fears and permitted him to sleep.

Of the endurance, good faith, and other sterling virtues of "Sleepy John," his children and great-grandchildren were well apprised.

It seems that a "stake and rider" fence bound the race track. This he kept close to, lashing his whip backward into the faces of competing trotters. One especially tough racer, with ears laid back, took his medicine, as he had learned to expect, in previous races. This seems to have inspired the young jockey with respect for horses in general.

At seventeen years of age he sought other fields of labor, and his riding weight of seventy-one pounds was increased to one hundred eighty pounds ten years later.

It was by a third marriage to Charity (last name unknown) that he became the father of his youngest son, Joseph, Junior, in the year 1762;—and a good delineation of this man's character may be found in the works of his youngest son, Charles Drake, author of Chronosophy, with whose biography the present writer is now come to grips.

Charity was this Joseph Drake's 3rd wife. Since Charity's and Joseph's son was Joseph Rodman Drake, it would indicate that Charity's maiden name was probably Rodman. It is known that she was the widow of Elija Fowler when she married Joseph Drake and that she was Joseph's 3rd wife. His 2nd wife, Jane, was born July 5, 1729, and died of smallpox May 2, 1760. She delivered a stillborn son just before she died. His first wife was Cate "Katie" Baker.

Joseph Drake was born June 10, 1717 on a Friday about sunset (another entry says Friday evening about 8 o'clock) and died in the evening in 1785 in January aged 66 years lacking ___ days. (The calendar was changed during his lifetime.) These records would indicate an age of about 67 years.

A copy of Joseph Drake's will dated January 17, 1785 names Joseph's 3 youngest daughters: Charity, Abigail and Hester. (Will from the Collections of The New York Historical Society for 1904 - Abstracts of Will on File in New York Surrogate Vol. XIII.) It reads: In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Drake, of East Chester, being weak in body. I leave to my beloved wife Charity my house and land where I now live. To my youngest son, Joseph, a certain tract of land known by the Curlands in Chester and adjoining the Mill pond of Mr. John Barlow containing both fresh and salt. Lastiy, after my debts and funeral expenses are paid I bequeath to my wife all my personal estate whom I appoint my executrix and Benjamin Drake my executor. Dated January 17, 1785. Witnesses: John Beauyx; Wm. Johnson, of Eastchester, Blacksmith; John G. Wright, of Eastchester, Physician. Codicil dated January 17, 1785: To my son Joseph my wearing apparel. The house and land I have given to my wife after her death shall be equally divided between my three youngest daughters, Charity, Abigail and Hester. Witnesses to Codicil the same as the will. Proved, Westchester County, February 28, 1785. Confirmed, New York, March 10, 1785.

So Joseph Drake died sometime between Jan. 17, 1785 when the will was drawn and Feb. 28, 1785 when the will was proved. Research gives the date of death as Jan. 20, 1785. This Joseph was the father of Joseph Rodman Drake who was the father of Dr. Charles Drake who in turn was the father of Lelia J. (Drake) Clarke and Linn Drake.

Some background on the Bridgewater Township Records Project

A bit of background about the Bridgewater Township Records Project. One of RCGS projects was to photograph township records for Forest Township so the originals could be preserved and copies used by the township and the public with additional copies to be placed in the archives at the Rice County Historical Society Museum and in the RCGS library in the Marston Headley Research Room in the Northfield Historical Society Museum. The original photos of the books were placed for safekeeping with the Northfield Historical Society. Harriet Berg, a member of RCGS, made an index of the records as well. Because the board of Forest Township was amazed to see what their records contained and so pleased with having a copy to use to preserve the originals, RCGS was thinking of other similar projects, and then worked with Northfield, Cannon City and Bridgewater Townships with cataloging and indexing their records so those township boards and RCGS would know what records they actually have.

Then in one of our meetings, Cheri Albers broached the group with something she had been thinking about for some time. Her mother, Geraldine Reuvers, the long-time clerk of Bridgewater Township, had realized that some of the ink in the older records of the township was fading, so she had started a project of copying the worst of the records to preserve the information. When Cheri realized what her mother had been doing, she brought up the idea that maybe taking over what her mother had started would be a good project for RCGS to undertake. After discussing the idea for a couple of meetings, it was decided this would be a good next project, little knowing what it would entail. Cheri had discussed the possibility of our taking on the project with Janalee Cooper, the now-clerk of Bridgewater. As the group had already done an inventory which had been indexed by Harriet Berg, we agreed to meet with Janalee who would oversee the project at the Bridgewater Town Hall on May 11, 2011. It was agreed that the oldest six volumes of records would be photocopied for RCGS to transcribe, with the photocopy of a page on the left and with the transcribed copy to be on the page to the right, these books being Book 1-Town Clerk Records, Book A-Road Districts, Book B-Roads, Book C-Road Orders, Book D-Town Meetings, and Book F-Town Records and Chattel Mortgages.

Volunteers signing up from RCGS for transcribing and typing were Harriet Berg, Norma Gilbertson, Ed and Arlene Williams. Responding to Janalee's advertisement in the Northfield News for volunteers were Linda Stadler, Doris Welke and Bill Becker. Cheri Albers enlisted Jessica Raines' help, and RCGS members who signed on as decipherers with the group were Cheri Albers, Audrey DeMann and Darlene Pfahning, with Harriet Berg and Janalee Cooper also helping with deciphering when meeting at the Bridgewater Town Hall. It was Harriet who had taken on the job of taking the transcribed materials and putting them on the computer.

With the transcribing completed, Harriet Berg put together a list of proofreading recommendations for the proofreaders to follow. The group who signed on as proofreaders included Audrey DeMann, Cheri Albers, Darlene Pfahning, Kate Rathke, Bettylou Ahlman, and Arlene and Ed Williams. With the first proofing and retyping done, the proofed material was returned for a second proofreading. When retyped, it will be given a final proofing to make sure that nothing, not so much as a comma, a period or a capital letter, has been added to or deleted from what was recorded in the original books.

These copied records when completed will be placed on-line for easy access by the public. Janalee is working with Barb Henwood (Northfield Senior Center), Ariel Butler (Northfield Collaborative), Alicia Rueter and Sue Garwood (Rice County Historical Society), and Bruce Morlan (Bridgewater Town Board) on putting the records on-line with Sharlene Berge on board as a "computer whiz" for the group. Many details are still to be worked out with the town board as to the format, index and what it should contain, etc. Janalee reports that 17 out of the 45 township books have been copied, scanned and are being put on-line at the Northfield Historical Collaborative, with the six oldest which have been transcribed included in the 17.

SOME USEFUL WEB SITES

The Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah has a digital version of the original birth records of Rice County, Minnesota available on line at [<familysearch.org>](http://familysearch.org)

Rice County Birth Records
Birth Index, 1870-1910 vol. A
Births, 1870-1891, vol. A
Births, 1892-1907, vol. B
Births, 1907-1909, vol. C

Minnesota Historical Society

[<www.mnhs.org>](http://www.mnhs.org)
Index to Birth Certificates 1900-1934
Index to Death Certificates 1908-2001
People Finder

Rice County Historical Society

[<rchistory.org/>](http://rchistory.org/)
Rice County Veterans

Northfield Historical Society

[<www.northfieldhistory.org>](http://www.northfieldhistory.org)
under Research and Collections
see links to
Collaborative

[<northfieldhistorycollaborative.org>](http://northfieldhistorycollaborative.org)
and

Minnesota Digital Library
[<reflections.mndigital.org>](http://reflections.mndigital.org)

Dalby Database by John Dalby

[<www.dalbydata.com>](http://www.dalbydata.com)

Cemetery
City Directories
Civil War
Newspaper Articles
Obituaries
People in Books

Gen web link to Rice County

[<www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnrice/>](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnrice/)

Ancestry (\$ or free at most libraries)

[<www.ancestry.com>](http://www.ancestry.com)

Federal census 1790-1940
Minnesota Territorial and
State census 1849-1905
Minnesota Birth Index 1935-2002
Minnesota Death Index 1908-2002
Minnesota Marriage Index 1849-1950
Minnesota Divorce Index 1970-1995
Minnesota Naturalization Records
Index 1854-1957
Minnesota Civil War Records
Minnesota Civil War Soldiers
History of Rice County by the
Rev. Edward D. Neill; pub 1882

Find a Grave

[<www.findagrave.com>](http://www.findagrave.com)
may include birth, death, spouse
and other information and often
photos (copyrighted) of the grave stone

Cemetery Records- an online library

[<www.terment.net>](http://www.terment.net)

General

Newsletter

Eastman;s Online Genealogy Newsletter
[<egon.com>](http://egon.com)

daily newsletter with links to genealogy
items of interest around the country

Blog

The Legal Genealogist by Judy G. Russel a
Certified Genealogist^{BM} with a law degree

[<www.legalgenealogist.com/>](http://www.legalgenealogist.com/)

Submitted by Harriet Berg

2013 LIST OF TOWNSHIP CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:

<u>TOWNSHIP:</u>	<u>NAME OF CLERK:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>		<u>PHONE/E. MAIL:</u>
Bridgewater	JanaLee J. Cooper	P.O.Box 246	Dundas	55019 507-202-0702 clerk@bridgewaterwp.org
Cannon City	Marilyn Caron	5982 197th St. East	Faribault	55021 507-332-7542 termarcar@myclearwave.net
Erin	Sharon Kaisershot	11560 Kanabec Trail	Montgomery	56069 507-364-5537 skaisershot@frontiernet.net
Forest	Trish Burmeister	13591 Fox Lake Trail	Faribault	55021 507-334-7264
Morristown	Charles Wagner	10461 Jacobson Path	Morristown	55052 507-685-2212 p clerk@hotmail.com
Northfield	Marjorie Randolph	11731 90th St. East	Northfield	55057 507-645-6079 northfieldtwp@northfieldwfl.com
Richland	Jay Haws	25333 Hall Ave.	Faribault	55021 507-332-1375 jay@chrishaws.net
Shieldsville	Jennifer Murphy	9942 Dodd Road	Kilkenny	56052 507-334-8092 murphy_jennifer@yahoo.com
Walcott	Benet Freund	4311 240th St. East	Faribault	55021 507-334-8655 bfreund12@hotmail.com
Warsaw	Diane Sammon	2375 230th St. West	Faribault	55021 507-334-6832 adsammon@myclearwave.net
Webster	Todd Elwood	4215 Dent Ave.	Webster	55088 507-413-2488 toddandheldi@intgra.net
Wells	Mariene Pohl Town Treasurer	15687 Dover Trail	Faribault	55021 507-332-8236
Wheatland	Jim Duban	11565 Union Lake Tr.	Montgomery	55069 507-744-2742
Wheeling	Rebecca Vergin	8465 170th St. East	Nerstrand	55053 507-333-4691 wheelingtowship@gmail.com

2013 LIST OF CITY CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:

<u>CITY:</u>	<u>NAME OF CLERK:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>		<u>PHONE:</u>
Dennison	Sheila Ekstrom	37622 Goodhue Ave. P. O. Box 56	Dennison	55018 507-291-0482 507-645-7732
Dundas	John McCarthy City Adm./Clerk	216 Railway St. No. P. O. Box 70	Dundas	55019 507-645-2852
Faribault	Carole Luczak	208 1st Ave. NW	Faribault	55021 507-334-2222
Lonsdale	Joel Erickson, City Administrator	415 Central St. W. P. O. Box 357	Lonsdale	55046 507-744-2327
Morristown	Jamie Kuether	402 Division St. So. P. O. Box 362	Morristown	55052 507-685-2302
Nerstrand	Doreen Quistorff	221 Main St. P. O. Box 161	Nerstrand	55053 507-332-8000
Northfield	Deb A. Little	801 Washington St.	Northfield	55057 507-645-8833

HELP WANTED

All members are encouraged to place queries with the RCGS. There is no charge and no limit to the numbers of queries per year. They will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received. Please type, print or write clearly. Words should be written in full to minimize errors. We may at our discretion use some abbreviations. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$5 per entry. In addition, we will print group sheets, ancestor charts, pedigree or Ahnentafel (European) charts, and descendant charts for people with Rice County connections - free for members, \$2 per sheet for non-members or we will print one free in connection with a non-member query submission. Again, they will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received.

#1-2013 Donald Wood, 1766 Killarney Dr., West Linn, OR 97068-3925

Ph: 503-723-7224 e.mail: grunty@aol.com

1) Looking for my great-grandfather August Friederich Wilhelm Wolf's birth record (b. 4 Aug 1855 Pommern - d. 14 Jan 1933 Faribault, Rice Co., MN) m. 22 Mar 1878 Emilie Wilhelmina Auguste Kienow (b. 14 Dec 1858 Meesow, Kreis Regenwalde, Pommern - d. 4 Aug 1928 Faribault, Rice Co., MN). They arrived in Faribault in 1881 and August's name was changed to Fred and Emilie's Emilie.

2) Am also seeking when and where Fred Wolf filed his Declaration of Intention. The Final Certificate of Naturalization issued in Rice Co. is dated 30 Jul 1898.

3) Am seeking male descendants of (August) Fred's brother Herman Gottlieb Wolf (b. 11 May 1858 Pommern - d. 8 Apr/1918 Shieldsville, Rice Co., MN) m. 4 Nov 1886 Anna Lindenberg (b. abt. 6 May 1869 Faribault, Rice Co., MN - d. 25 Jul 1923 Morristown, Rice Co. MN) who are interested in family history not only to share information, but also the possibility of a genealogical DNA test which would help connect the various Wolfs. Herman and his family spent most of their years in the Morristown area. Children: 1) Emma Wolf 2) William Wolf m. Maude McKenzie 3) Martin Wolf m. Louise Gehrke 4) Augusta H. Wolf m. Max Cornell 4) Clara Wolf m. Clarence Nelson 5) Herman Wolf m. Hedwig Borchert 6) Alfred Wolf m. Edna Niner 7) Loretta E. Wolf m. Bernard H. Ninner 8) Alvina Wolf m. Neri Woods 9) Albert Wolf m. Pauline Sawatzky 10) Adeline H. Wolf m. Theodore A. Borwege.

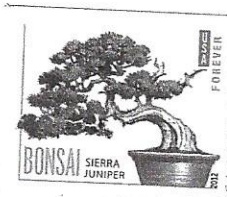
4) Are there other Wolf families in the area who have done research and found their roots also go back to the Meesow, Kreis Regenwalde, Pommern area who might be interested in exchanging research and/or joining in a DNA project to establish family connection? If so, please contact me. In doing my research, many of the family names I found in the old country civil and church records from Meesow and surrounding villages show up in Rice Co. census enumerations from the mid to late 1800's.

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